

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRINTING**  
**AN INFORMATION-BASED INDICIA PROGRAM (IBIP) POSTAGE**  
**IN A PRINTER DRIVER SYSTEM**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

5           A method and apparatus for printing an information-based indicia  
program (IBIP) postage in a computer printing subsystem is disclosed wherein a  
third-party word processing software with mail merge capabilities generates text  
and a matching address as the input for a client application in high-volume  
document processing and mail systems without programmatically altering the  
word processing program to accommodate the printing subsystem. Addresses  
are validated and corrected in the printing subsystems prior to creation of the  
indicia image and address image to be printed on the mailpiece.